

**REMARKS**

Claims 14 and 21 are amended herein.

Claims 31-34 are cancelled.

Claims 35 and 36 are new.

***Claim Rejections- 35 U.S.C. § 112***

The pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the independent claims 14 and 21 failed to define R<sup>4</sup>. Applicants apologize for this oversight, and the newly amended claims 14 and 21 define R<sup>4</sup> as defined in the specification and in the original claims. Thus, applicants believe that the statute is now satisfied.

***Objection***

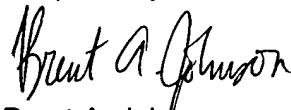
It is Applicants understanding Z in the amended claims was broader than the elected subject matter. The claims have been amended such that Z is "benzothiophenyl or substituted benzothiophenyl." Applicants believe that this is what the Office Action has required. However, if this is not satisfactory, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the agent by phone so that the claims can be corrected to conform to this requirement. Applicants also request that Examiner contact the agent by phone if Z has been narrowed more than the restriction requires.

Since claim 31 has been deleted, the objection due to the typographical error is now moot.

Claims 35 and 36 are supported in the specification (pp. 11-12), and the non-elected compounds have been removed.

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THE FOLLOWING CHECKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

1. Amendments to the specification:  
 A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.  
 B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.  
 C. Other \_\_\_\_\_
2. Abstract:  
 A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.  
 B. Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. Amendments to the drawings: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Amendments to the claims:  
 A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.  
 B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims).  
 C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following 7 status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Withdrawn), (Previously presented), (New) and (Not entered).  
 D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.  
 E. Other: Clns. 1-13, 16-20, 23-30 missing text

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